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With regard to punitive damages associated with the Microsoft case. If it is ment to be punative then it is a punishment. In a punishment, the only value that one should get is a lesson learned. By allowing Microsoft to donate a billoin dollars to the poorest schools as part of a retrobution, in software ans services, no less, there should be no potential upside for Microsoft. This does not appear to be the case. It appears that although Microsoft will be expending some capital, they will be deriving benefit from this. It will only propagate and increase their already monopolistic stronghold in the industry.

It's like punishing a drug dealer by forcing him to go out and give away millions of dollars in drugs, and then letting the drug dealer develop a new network for retailing his product. Sure, your making him pay up front, but now he's got a whole new market to sell to later on when the free bee runs out.

Does not sound very punative to me. What do you think ?

Make them write a 1 billoin dollar check to the poorest schools, and then mandate that those schools use the funds for anything they choose, with the stipuation that they not spend money on any Microsoft products.

I wonder how Microsoft would feel about that. They have bullied their way around the entire computer industry. Make no bones about it, they are ruthless. Business is a competion, I realize that, but if it gets so out of hand that it hurts the public, then the Goverment should protect the people.

Dont let them push you around.